



December 15, 2005

Mr. Dan Leavitt  
California High Speed Rail Authority  
925 L Street, Suite 1425  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Scoping comments for PEIR/EIS on the proposed High-Speed Train

Dear Mr. Leavitt,

The East Bay Regional Park District ("District") is providing the following scoping comments for the Program EIR/EIS of a Bay Area to Central Valley High-Speed Train. This ambitious project has the potential to affect a number of existing regional parks and trails within northern Alameda County. This includes, but may not be limited to, the following parks, preserves and recreation areas:

• Del Valle State Recreation Area	4315 acres
• Mission Peak Regional Preserve	2998 acres
• Vargas Plateau Regional Preserve	1030 acres
• Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park	4742 acres
• Brushy Peak Regional Preserve	1783 acres
• Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area	266 acres
• Dry Creek/Pioneer Regional Park	1626 acres
• Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area	538 acres
• Ardenwood Preserve	208 acres
• Coyote Hills Regional Park	<u>978 acres</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,484 acres</b>

Other important open space and habitat areas in the area may also be affected, including the Department of Fish and Game's Eden Landing Ecological Preserve and the Don Edwards Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Impacts to these areas should also be addressed in the EIR/EIS.

The following existing and planned regional trails may also be affected by the proposed project:

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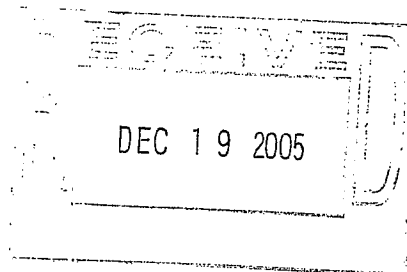
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- Alameda Creek Trail
- Niles Canyon Trail
- Bay Area Ridge Trail
- San Francisco Bay Trail
- Iron Horse Trail
- Niles Canyon to Shadow Cliffs Trail
- San Joaquin County to Shadow Cliffs Trail
- Shadow Cliffs to Morgan Territory Trail
- Tassajara Creek Trail

Until specific rail corridors alignments are identified for analysis, the District cannot provide specific scoping comments on how or if the proposed project may affect District facilities. I urge you to contact the District directly when specific proposed alignments are identified so that we can identify potentially affected facilities and provide more detail scoping comments on potential project effects to District facilities. In addition, since this project will likely obtain federal transportation funding, we request that affected District parks and trails be addressed in the EIR/EIS in a Section 4(f) alternatives analysis for both constructive use and potential take of parklands.

Please contact me should you have any questions or wish to arrange a meeting to discuss our facilities and the potential impacts of this proposed project. I can be reached at (510) 544-2622. Please include my name on any future mailings for this project.

Sincerely,



Brad Olson  
Environmental Programs Manager

cc. Mendel Stewart, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
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